



**U.S. Department of Justice
Federal**

Bureau of Prisons

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320 First St., NW
Washington, DC 20534*

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Joshua Freedman
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Request Number: 2019-05791

Dear Mr. Freedman:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you request documents identifying the cell number of inmate Jeffrey Epstein and a list of inmates assigned to the same cell prior to inmate Epstein.

Regarding your request for inmate Epstein's specific cell assignment, we have determined that any records responsive to your request are categorically exempt from disclosure. Accordingly, this Office is not required to conduct a search for the requested records. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records are withheld in full from disclosure to you under the following exemptions:

- (b)(5) - inter- or intra-agency correspondence which would not be available to a party other than a party in litigation with the agency
- (b)(6) - constitutes a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7)(A) - could reasonably be expected to interfere with law enforcement proceedings
- (b)(7)(C) - constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7)(E) - discloses investigative techniques and procedures
- (b)(7)(F) - could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

Please note, exemption (b)(7)(A) is a temporary exemption utilized to protect active and on-going law enforcement proceedings. Because of its temporary nature, you may wish to consider refiling your request for records in the future. Should you chose to refile your request, the status of law enforcement proceedings will be reevaluated and a determination made at that time as to the continued applicability of exemption (b)(7)(A).

Concerning your request for a list of inmates assigned to the same cell as inmate Epstein, to the extent non-public responsive records exist, without consent, proof of death, or an overriding public interest, disclosure of records would invade another individual's personal privacy. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Additionally, to the extent non-public responsive records exist, without consent, proof of death, or an overriding public

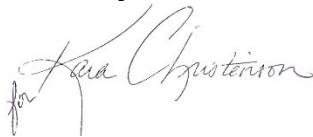
interest, disclosure of law enforcement records concerning an individual could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). Because any non-public records responsive to your request would be categorically exempt from disclosure, this Office is not required to conduct a search for the requested records.

If you have questions about this response please feel free to contact the undersigned or the Federal Bureau of Prisons' (BOP) FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. C. Darnell Stroble at 202-616-7750, 320 First Street NW, Suite 936, Washington DC 20534, or ogc_efoia@bop.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account at: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eugene E. Baime".

Eugene E. Baime
Supervisory Attorney